

WE CLAIM

1. A solid pharmaceutical dosage form adapted for direct oral administration across the buccal, sublingual and gingival mucosa comprising:

5 at least one saliva activated effervescent agent and a pharmaceutically effective amount of an orally administerable medicament; wherein said at least one saliva activated effervescent increases absorption of said orally administerable medicament across the buccal,
10 sublingual and gingival mucosa.

2. The solid pharmaceutical dosage form of claim 1 further comprising at least one pH adjusting substance.

3. The solid pharmaceutical dosage form of
15 claim 1 further comprising a bioadhesive, wherein said bioadhesive increases the contact time between said dosage form and the oral cavity.

4. The solid pharmaceutical dosage form of claim 1 further comprising a non-effervescent
20 disintegration agent.

5. The solid dosage pharmaceutical dosage form of claim 1 further comprising glidants, lubricants, binders, sweeteners, flavoring and coloring components.

6. The solid dosage pharmaceutical dosage
25 form of claim 1 wherein said orally administerable medicament is selected from the group consisting of

analgesics, anti-inflammatories, antipyretics,
antibiotics, antimicrobials, laxatives, anorexics,
antihistamines, anitasthmatics, antidiuretics,
anitflatuents, anti-emtics, antimigrane agents,
5 antispasmodics, sedatives, antihyperactives,
antihypertensives, tranquilizers, decongestants, and
beta blockers.

7. The solid dosage pharmaceutical dosage
form of claim 1 wherein said orally administerable
10 medicament is selected from the group consisting of
peptides, proteins and oligonucleotides.

8. The solid dosage pharmaceutical dosage
form of claim 1 wherein said at least one saliva
activated effervescent agent is present in an amount
15 between about 20% by weight and 80% by weight.

9. A method of administering at least one
systemically distributable pharmaceutical agent
comprising:

a) providing a tablet including at least one
20 effervescent agent and a pharmaceutically effective
amount of an orally administerable medicament;

b) placing said tablet in the mouth of a patient
so that saliva in said patients mouth activates said at
least one effervescent agent in said tablet, whereby
25 said at least one effervescent promotes absorption of

said orally administerable medicament across the oral mucosa.

10. The method according to claim 9 wherein said tablet further includes at least one pH adjusting substance.

11. The method of administering the tablet according to claim 9 further comprising the step of holding said tablet in said mouth adjacent a cheek for buccal administration.

12. The method of administering the tablet according to claim 9 further comprising the step of holding said tablet in said mouth beneath the tongue for sublingual administration.

13. The method of administering the tablet according to claim 9 further comprising the step of holding said tablet in said mouth between the upper lip and gum for gingival administration.

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